

The U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Liaison Office Closure
April 3, 2013

The U.S. Embassy wishes to inform U.S. citizens in Guinea Bissau that the Bissau Liaison Office in Bissau is temporarily closed. U.S. citizens living in and traveling to Guinea Bissau are encouraged to practice good personal security habits and be aware of their surroundings by remaining vigilant and taking appropriate steps to increase their personal security.

The Embassy also reminds U.S. citizens to avoid demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful have the potential to escalate quickly and turn confrontational or violent without advance warning. Avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution should you find yourself in the vicinity of a demonstration.

There is currently no permanent U.S. diplomatic or consular presence in Guinea-Bissau. The U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal is accredited for all diplomatic and security concerns. The U.S. Liaison Office in Bissau (BLO) can provide limited services to U.S. citizens in the event of an emergency, but as stated above, it is closed until further notice. However, all security and consular services should be coordinated through American Citizens Services Section and the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal. The U.S. Liaison Office is located at: Edifício SITEC, Rua José Carlos Schwarz 245, Bairro d'Ajuda (Telephone: 245-325-6382). The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to consulardakar@state.gov. The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 879-4000. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-879-4444 and ask to speak to the duty officer.